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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, entry of the following amendments into the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

**A M E N D M E N T**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, after the Title, please insert "This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/886,006, filed July 3, 1997 for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPLYING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR VIDEO PROGRAMS".

At page 1, line 3, kindly replace "March 20, 1997" with -- March 21, 1997 --.

At page 1, line 3 after "March 20, 1997", kindly insert -- , application no. 08/821,436 --.

At page 15, line 10, kindly delete the word "is".

At page 19, line 2, kindly delete the word "a".

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

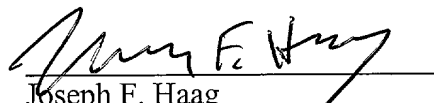
Please **CANCEL** Claims 1-40, 42, 43, and 46 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited herein.

#### R E M A R K S

Applicants presently intend to file an additional paper in this application. Accordingly, if the application is taken up for action prior to receipt of such paper, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed above or by electronic mail at [alderucci@walkerdigital.com](mailto:alderucci@walkerdigital.com)

Respectfully submitted,

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